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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's Arguments filed on 12/16/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-14 and 19-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. **Examiner's Note:** The claims as submitted on 4/18/2001 had canceled claim 26 and renumbered it as claim 25. However, Applicant's Amendment after Final filed on 6/14/2005 had inadvertently transposed claim 25 back into claim 26 again. It is noted that all correspondence filed after Applicant's Amendment on 6/14/2005 that refer to claim 26 were directed in effect toward claim 25 as properly renumbered on the record.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's particular method of resolving conflicts arising due to transformation parameters in accordance with predetermined conflict resolution rules wherein said transformation processor transforms said intermediate document structure into said output document with desired presentation style would not have been obvious over, nor would have been fairly suggested by the closest prior art of record.

The closest prior art of record, Zaharkin, in view of Wang, teaches a system for transforming (i.e. converting) a document from a first format to a different second format, said document being encoded in a language including presentation style determination attributes (see Zaharkin - pg.1 - [0002]), comprising:

a source of parameters determining a desired [format] of an output document

(pg. 2 – [0026] → The system includes a configuration file that is received by the

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disambiguator which specifies predetermined parameters describing how the disambiguation process operates);

an input document processor for transforming a received input document in a first format (pg. 2 – [0025] → receives document of ambiguated and/or ambiguous data) by parsing said input document and collating elements of said input document into a hierarchically ordered structure representing an intermediate document structure (pg. 2 – [0025]; pg. 3 – [0034], [0036], [0037]; pg. 4, [0057] → System includes a mapper that receives a document. The mapper creates a mapping file from the document); and

a transformation processor for transforming said intermediate document structure into an output document with said desired format in response to said transformation parameters (pg. 2 – [0025]; pg. 4 – [0055] → The disambiguator receives the mapping file and the document type definition (DTD). The disambiguator converts the mapping file into an output file that complies with the DTD and/or disambiguates the mapping file in reference to, or based on, the DTD) (see also Wang Abstract; col. 8 lines 7-25).

However, the closest prior art of record, does not explicitly teach or suggest resolving conflicts arising due to transformation parameters in accordance with predetermined conflict resolution rules wherein said transformation processor transforms said intermediate document structure into said output document with desired presentation style. The closest prior art of record leaves conflict resolution to the output document software to resolve. Therefore, the closest prior art fails to anticipate or render Applicant's limitation above obvious.

Conclusion

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Nguyen-Ba whose telephone number is (571) 272-4094. The examiner can normally be reached on 11 am - 7 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on (571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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